

CLAIMS

1. In a wood shingle panel of a given length for use to cover a wall or  
5 a roof, said panel comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent  
relationship to form a row that extends over said given length, said wood  
shingles having top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood  
shingles being attached to a slat that extends along said given length at a given  
distance below the top edges of said wood shingles rearwardly of said wood  
10 shingles, the improvement wherein:

    said slat consists of a metal sheet of inverted J cross-section, said  
    metal sheet having a main wall punched in such a way as to form a plurality of  
    spaced apart spikes, said spikes acting as nails to attach the wood shingles  
    onto the slat when the main wall of said slat is applied and pressed onto the row  
15 formed by said wood shingles, said metal sheet also having an inverted U-  
    shaped top wall that projects externally on top of the main wall when the wood  
    shingles are attached to it, said inverted U-shaped top wall being sized to  
    receive and hook onto the top edges of the wood shingles of a similar wood  
    shingle panel positioned below.

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2. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the top  
edges of the wood shingles are covered by a connector that extends along the  
row over the length of said panel.

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3. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the  
connector consists of a metal sheet of inverted U-shape.

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4. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the  
connector consists of a self-adhesive strip.

5. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the wood  
shingles are of a tapering side shape with a thickness that increases from their

top edges down to their bottom edges.

6. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the wood shingles are of a tapering side shape with a thickness that increases from their 5 top edges down to their bottom edges.

7. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 1, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height 10 about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

8. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 2, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height 15 about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

9. The improved wood shingle panel of claim 6, wherein the wood shingles have a height of about 15" and the metal sheet acting as slat is nailed at such a height onto the rear of the row of wood shingles as to leave a height 20 about 5" free at the bottom of a similar panel when hooked onto it.

10. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:  
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 1; and  
a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of  
25 said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped  
30 portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).

11. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:  
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 2; and  
a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of  
said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels  
5 comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to  
form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having  
top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being  
attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped  
portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said  
10 metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit  
into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).

12. A kit for use to cover a wall or a roof, said kit comprising:  
a plurality of wood shingle panels as claimed in claim 6; and  
15 a plurality of other wood shingle panels useful to start assembly of  
said panels in an upwardly extending direction, said other wood shingle panels  
comprising a plurality of wood shingles positioned in adjacent relationship to  
form a row that extends over said given length, said other wood shingles having  
top edges that are in line along said given length, said wood shingles being  
20 attached to a slat consisting of a metal sheet of "h" having an inverted L-shaped  
portion that fit onto and is attached to the top edges of the wood shingles, said  
metal sheet also having an upwardly projecting flat portion that is devised to fit  
into the inverted U-shaped top wall(s) of said wood shingle panel(s).